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I write to you with the bias of someone who owns several computers and no Microsoft products.

Microsoft is not a productive monopoly. Their drive for innovation serves only to isolate themselves in the market. They continue to put out upgrades which are mandatory and products which they create a niche for, with neither being useful to customers.

If microsoft is fined then those dollars should be channeled into Free software, but even that would be a poor way of dealing with this. Microsoft must be forced to sell their products to OEMs at one price for all, no discounts and no restrictions (excepting a one copy one computer license), they must especially be prevented from punishing OEMs who choose to ship computers pre-installed with a Microsoft operating system, and a competing (or Free) operating system.

Furthermore I feel that as Microsoft forbids the resale of Windows licenses by end users, then they should be forced to buy back any copy of Windows at original price. Not only for currently selling computers where the buyer wishes to run a competing (or Free) operating system, but for outdated copies that legally upgrading customers were not allowed to sell on the open market.

I thank you for your time encourage you to seek a speedy but fair resolution to this case.

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